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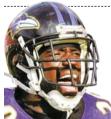
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Richardson Quits Nomination

N.M. governor bows out of Cabinet over pay-to-play charges

WASHINGTON | New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson on Sunday announced that he was withdrawing his nomination to be President-elect Barack Obama's commerce secretary amid a grand jury investigation into how some of his political donors won a lucrative state contract.

Richardson's withdrawal was the first disruption of Obama's Cabinet process and the second "pay-to-play" investigation that has touched Obama's transition to the presidency. The president-elect has remained above the fray in both the case of arrested Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich and the New Mexico case.

A federal grand jury is investigating how a California company that contributed to Richardson's political activities won a New Mexico transportation contract worth more than \$1 million. Richardson said in a statement issued by the Obama transition office that the investigation could take weeks or months, but expressed confidence it will show



Richardson

he and his administration acted properly.

Aides to both men insisted that Richardson made the decision to withdraw and was not pushed out by Obama. But one Democrat involved in discussions over the matter

said transition officials became increasingly nervous during the last couple of weeks that the investigation was a bigger problem than Richardson had originally indicated. (AP)

Lowly Wizards Stun Cavaliers, 80-77



STUFFED: Wizards forward Dominique McGuire hits LeBron James in the face after blocking a shot in Washington's 80-77 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday at Verizon Center. The win against the Cavs (27-6) was a stunner for the last-place Wizards (7-25). ❖ 'Bad call': James slams late walk call | Page 13



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PUBLIC OPINION

Shoes Are 'Too Last Season' for Miamians

State troopers are looking for a charity to take thousands of shoes that were dumped on a Miami expressway, tying up rush hour traffic. Lt. Pat Santangelo says the Florida Highway Patrol received a call about the shoes Friday morning. San-



tangelo says he's not sure where the shoes came from. There were no signs of a crash, and no one stopped to claim them. He says he hopes someone will take them because he doesn't want to send them to the dump. (AP)

INHERITANCE

Suddenly, the Crystal **Vase Has Less Appeal**

It was the equivalent of finding an old Picasso or an unknown Beatles tape hidden away in an uncle's attic. Relatives of Dr. Harold Carr found an extremely rare 1937 Bugatti Type 57S Atalante — a Holy Grail for car col-

lectors — as they were going through his belongings after his death. The dusty two-seater, unused since 1960, didn't look like much in the garage in Gosforth, near Newcastle in northern England. But only 17 were made, and when it's cleaned up and auctioned in Paris next month, experts think it will fetch at least \$4.3 million and possibly much more. (AP)



WEDDING ESSENTIALS

Something Cold, Blue

German couple Klaus Grunenberg, left, and Anita Bolik from Barr near Augsburg, Germany, pose for a photo during their wedding ceremony in the chapel of the igloo village in Kitzbuhel, Austria, on Sunday. Grunenberg and his brother, Helmut, built the chapel in four days. The ice chapel will stay up and available for other couples who want to get married in it at the igloo village until it melts in the spring. (AP)

MEAT

Tastes Like Illegal

A federal judge in Brooklyn has rejected a Liberian woman's religious reasons for smuggling endangered monkey

meat into the country. A judge ruled Wednesday that Mamie Manneh's faith didn't preclude her from applying for permits to import exotic food. Manneh was charged with smuggling the meat three years ago after customs agents

seized a shipment of primate parts as they passed through Kennedy Airport. Manneh's lawyers claimed a First Amendment right to the meat, arguing that some Liberian Christians eat monkey meat for spiritual reasons. (AP)

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Nation

Man's Last Lotto Pick Wins \$10M

Widow collects money from ticket husband bought the day he died

DANBURY, CONN. | On the day that Donald Peters died, he unknowingly provided financial security for his wife of 59 years.

Peters bought two lottery tickets Nov. 1 as part of a 20-year tradition with his wife, Charlotte. Later that day, the 79-year-old retiree suffered a fatal heart attack while working in his yard in Danbury, Conn.

On Friday, his widow cashed in one of the tickets: a \$10 million winner which, in her grief over her husband's death, she had put aside and almost discarded before recently checking the numbers. "I'm numb," said Charlotte Peters, 78.

The Peters children think their father would have appreciated the irony of the situation.

"He'd be very mad; he just passed away and she won a lot of money," said Brian Peters, one of the couple's three children. "He'd say, 'Figures!" (AP)



Man's Last Kaine Is Obama's Pick to Lead DNC

Va. governor will guide Democratic party as it preps for '10 elections

WASHINGTON | Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine is set to become the next chairman of the Democratic Party.

Two Democratic officials said Sunday that President-elect Barack Obama has chosen the governor to take over the Democratic National Committee.

The officials spoke to The Asso-

ciated Press on a condition of anonymity because the decision had not yet been officially announced.

Kaine plans to work for the party part time until 2010, when his term as governor is up. DNC chairman Howard Dean plans to step down Jan. 21, the day after Obama's inauguration.

With Democrats controlling the White House and Congress, the new DNC chairman will be responsible for reinforcing the White House message, preparing for the 2010 midterm elections and raising money.

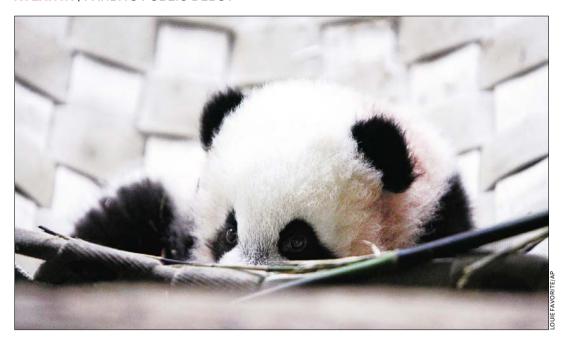


Gov. Tim Kaine was an early supporter of Barack Obama's presidential run.

The Republican National Committee is meeting this week, in part to discuss who will take over for departing chairman Mike Duncan. The new RNC head will be expected to take the lead in responding to the Democratic administration as well as rebuilding the party.

Kaine campaigned vigorously for Obama in Virginia during Obama's presidential run. The day after the election, Kaine said Obama's triumph was the apex of everything he had worked for since law school. (AP)

ATLANTA | PANDA'S PUBLIC DEBUT



HELLO, WORLD: Four-month-old Xi Lan, the newest panda at Zoo Atlanta, peeks over the edge of a hammock Saturday. The animal went on public display for the first time last week. The cub has just learned to walk and will soon start to climb.

Schumer Wants Senate to Seat Franken Tuesday

MINNEAPOLIS | New York Sen. Charles Schumer says Democrat Al Franken should be seated in the Senate when it convenes Tuesday.

Schumer, the former head of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, said in a statement Sunday that it's clear Franken has won the election for Minnesota's Senate seat. He says Republican Norm Coleman can't get enough votes to win, even if claims of double-counted ballots are resolved.

Franken had a 225-vote lead over Coleman when election officials completed their re-count Saturday. Coleman hasn't ruled out challenging the election results in court. (AP)

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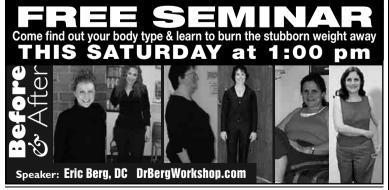
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Stimulus Bill Loses Steam

Democrats: Economic plan won't be finished by Inauguration Day

WASHINGTON | Congressional Democrats said Sunday that Presidentelect Barack Obama probably will have to wait until next month before getting the chance to sign an economic aid bill his team once hoped would be on his desk by his swearing-in Jan. 20.

"It's going to be very difficult to get the package put together that early," said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md. "But we certainly want to see this package passed through the House of Representatives no later than the end of this month, get it over to the Senate, and have it to the president before we break" in mid-February.

Obama planned to meet with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., on Monday to talk about enacting a massive spending plan. The president-elect also



House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., says an economic stimulus bill could be ready by February. President-elect Barack Obama has made the bill his top priority.

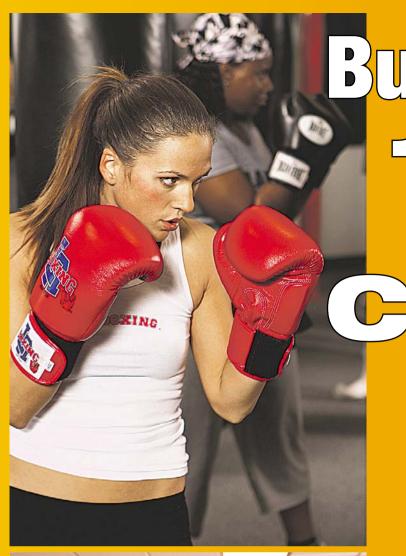
scheduled a separate meeting with the entire Democratic and Republican leadership teams.

Reid said they will do their "very very best" to get a package finished as soon as possible, but he was unwilling to set a deadline.

Congressional aides briefed on the measure say it probably would blend tax cuts of \$500 to \$1,000 for middle-class individuals and couples, with about \$200 billion to help states with their Medicaid programs and other operating costs.

A large portion of the measure will go toward public works projects such energy efficiency research and an expensive rebuilding of the information technology system for health care. JESSE J. HOLLAND (AP)





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"I'd like to see him be president someday. ... Right now is probably a bad time, because we've had enough Bushes in there."

-Ex-President George H.W. Bush, on the possibility of his son Jeb's running for president someday.

Confederate Sub Yields No Clues

Researchers still can't figure out why vessel sank during Civil War

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. | It could be one of the nation's oldest cold case files: What happened to eight Confederate sailors aboard the H.L. Hunley after it became the first submarine in history to sink an enemy warship?

Their hand-cranked sub rammed a spar with black powder into the Union blockade ship Housatonic off Charleston on a chilly winter night in 1864 and never returned.

Its fate has been the subject of almost 150 years of conjecture and almost a decade of scientific research since the Hunley was raised back in 2000. But the submarine has been agonizingly slow



Paul Mardikian, head conservator on the Hunley project, looks at the wreckage of the submarine in North Charleston, S.C. The Hunley was raised out of the sea in 2000.

surrendering her secrets.

"She was a mystery when she was built. She was a mystery as to how

she looked and how she was constructed for many years, and she is still a mystery as to why she didn't come home," said state Sen. Glenn McConnell, R-Charleston.

Scientists hope the next phase of the conservation — removing the hardened sediment coating the outside of the hull — will provide clues to the mystery.

The first phase of work on the Hunley consisted of photographing and studying the outside of the hull. Then several iron hull plates were removed, allowing scientists to enter the crew compartment to remove sediment, human remains and a cache of artifacts.

Archaeologist Maria Jacobsen said the Hunley is like a crime scene without a smoking gun.

"If we compare this crime site investigation with, say, a tragic plane crash in the mountains, that investigation would be a lot easier," she said. BRUCE SMITH (AP)

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World



DON'T MESS WITH FRANCE: A French navy vessel has thwarted two attacks by heavily armed Somali pirates in the dangerous Gulf of Aden, just three days after a similar save by the French. Government officials in France say 19 pirates were captured Sunday.

TARA TODRAS-WHITEHILLIAP

DARK CLOUD: Smoke rises during an Israeli army operation in the Gaza Strip on Sunday. Despite calls from foreign powers for a cease-fire, Israel escalated its massive offensive against Hamas, which began Saturday.

Israeli Forces Slice Deep Into Gaza

Territory is divided as its largest city is cut off during ground assault

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Thousands of Israeli troops backed by tanks and helicopter gunships pushed deeper into Gaza Sunday, fighting militants at close range and surrounding the coastal territory's largest city in the first full day of an overwhelming ground offensive.

Israel said it has inflicted a heavy blow against Hamas as it expands a weeklong offensive meant to stop rocket fire on southern Israel. But



Israeli infantry members prepare to enter Gaza Sunday. Israeli soldiers continued to fight in mainly open areas during the second day of the massive ground offensive.

spiraling civilian casualties fueled an intensifying international outcry.

Israel's ground forces moved in after nightfall Saturday following hours of intense, fiery artillery shelling to clear the way, and Hamas warned that its fighters would turn Gaza into an Israeli graveyard.

On Sunday, Israeli soldiers continued to fight primarily in open areas in the launching zones used by Gaza's militants to send rockets raining down on Israeli cities.

Backing up the troops, mobile artillery units fired shells that exploded in heavy veils of white smoke over Gaza's urban skyline. Tanks pushed south of Gaza City as deep as the abandoned Israeli settlement of Netzarim. That effectively cut off Gaza City, the territory's largest population center with about 400,000 residents, from the rest of Gaza to the south.

Condemnation of Israel's ground operation poured in from all over the Middle East and Europe, but the United States blocked approval of a U.N. Security Council statement Saturday night calling for an immediate cease-fire.

Israeli President Shimon Peres said a cease-fire was pointless without a stop to Hamas' rocket fire. "Well, clearly, if there is somebody [who] can stop terror with a different strategy, we shall accept it," he said on ABC's "This Week." IBRAHIM BARZAK (AP)

Gaza Residents Fear for Their Lives

40 civilians have been killed since the Israeli attack began Saturday

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Anas Mansour sleeps in his street clothes in a south Gaza refugee camp, with his ID in his pocket so he can flee quickly if fighting gets worse. In Gaza City, the 10 members of the Karam family huddle in their hallway at night, kept awake by artillery fire booming outside.

Israel's offensive against Gaza's Hamas rulers has moved from pinpointed airstrikes to artillery shelling and ground fighting, though for



A Palestinian medic carries a child injured during Israel's attack Sunday.

now it's largely in open areas.

Still, Gaza's civilians are increasingly exposed to the violence. At least 40 civilians, including three



LUBNA KARAM, GAZA CITY

medics, have been killed since Israel launched its ground invasion Saturday evening, Gaza officials said.

Israel says eight days of aerial bombardment, followed by the ground invasion, are aimed at undermining Hamas' ability to fire rockets at the Jewish state.

More than 500 Palestinians have

been killed since the operation began, at least 100 of them civilians, say Palestinian and U.N. officials. In the same period, three Israeli civilians and two soldiers have been killed.

In Gaza, residents said the offensive's first stage came through its sounds: the buzz of warplanes, the boom of tank shells clearing the way for thousands of advancing soldiers and the wail of ambulance sirens.

Lubna Karam of Gaza City said airstrikes had shattered her home's living room windows days before, letting cold air pour in. She said she feels under threat at all times, and her family has trouble sleeping. "We keep hearing the sounds of airplanes, and we don't know if we'll live until tomorrow or not," said Karam, 28.

IBRAHIM BARZAK AND BEN HUBBARD (AP)

Powerful Quakes Shake Indonesia

MANOKWARI, INDONESIA | A series of powerful earthquakes killed at least four people and injured dozens in remote eastern Indonesia Sunday and briefly triggered fears of another tsunami in a country still recovering from 2004's deadly waves.

One of the quakes — a 7.3-magnitude tremor — was felt as far away as Australia and sent small tsunamis into Japan's southeastern coast. Residents near the epicenter in Papua province rushed from their homes in search of higher ground shortly after the first quake struck at 4:43 a.m., afraid that huge waves might wash over the island. (AP)

The number of unexploded bombs from World War II disposed of Sunday in Germany. The bombs were found near empty houses in Osnabrueck. About 15,000 nearby residents were evacuated.

World



Iraqi soldiers and police search people outside the Imam Moussa Al-kadhim shrine, where at least three dozen were killed Sunday.

Dozens Killed in Iraq Blast

Shrine bombing mars celebrations of saint, new U.S. security pact

BAGHDAD | A woman hiding among Iranian pilgrims with a bomb strapped under her black robe killed more than three dozen people and wounded at least 72 others on Sunday outside a Baghdad mosque during ceremonies marking the anniversary of the death of one of Shiite Islam's most revered saints.

The suicide attack was the most recent in a series that has killed more than 60 people in less than a week and marred celebrations of the transfer of many security responsibilities from the U.S. military to Iraqi forces.

The attack in Baghdad's northern Shiite neighborhood of Kazimiyah came as the Iraqi military held parades to mark the anniversary of its founding 88 years ago and to celebrate the new security agreement with the United States that went into effect on Thursday. The agreement replaced an expired U.N. mandate that allowed the United States and other foreign troops to operate in Iraq.

Under the new agreement, U.S.

troops in Iraq will no longer conduct unilateral operations, will act only in agreement with Iraqi forces and cannot arrest people without warrants. They must also vacate major Iraqi cities by June and withdraw from the country by the end of 2011.

It remains unclear whether Iraqi security forces will manage. But Iraqi President Jalal Talabani told Iraqi army troops during a parade marking Army Day on Sunday that "the Iraqi army has gained the trust of government and Iraqi people as the army of all Iraqis.

"This day will be recorded in modern Iraqi history." PATRICK QUINN (AP)

Rebel Split Stalls Darfur Peace Push

Negotiators complain factions hamper talks; violence may spread

NYALA, SUDAN | International mediators pushing for new negotiations on Darfur are being hampered by divisions among Darfur's rebels and by some rebels' hopes that genocide charges will bring down Sudan's president.

The ethnic African rebels, who

rose up against the Arab-dominated Khartoum government six years ago, have never been united. But over the past year, factions have multiplied — up to 30 now by U.N. estimates, divided along tribal, political or personal lines.

Some faction leaders are not communicating with their commanders, and the U.N., African and Arab mediators have complained they sometimes don't know whom to talk to.

Now there are fears the con-

flict could spread beyond Darfur. Sudan's government has sent forces into neighboring South Kordofan province, claiming Darfur rebels are operating there, and the Justice and Equality Movement, the strongest Darfur rebel faction, has announced a military alliance with armed groups in Kordofan.

Humanitarian agencies are reporting a surge in banditry and attacks on supply convoys. Rebel gunmen are suspected. AH EL DEEB (AP)

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Personal Tech



Geoff Holman, center, introduces Panasonic's 150-inch plasma television at the Panasonic booth at the 2008 Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas.

Downsized Showcase

Consumer Electronics Show feels the effects of the poor economy

BIG BOX | The International Consumer Electronics Show, the largest trade show in the U.S., opens this week in Las Vegas with a full slate of giant TVs and inventive gadgets, despite the pall of a recession hanging over the industry.

The economic downturn will temper the normally dizzying extravaganza, and some attendees are wondering whether the whole technology trade show business is past its peak.

"I'm talking to the companies who are sending people, and they're sending two instead of 10," said Forrester Research analyst James McQuivey. "It's going to be a shadow of itself."

Last year, 140,000 people went to the show, and there were 2,700 exhibitors. The Consumer Electronics Association, which is hosting, expects the same number of exhibitors this year for the 42nd annual show, but on a slightly smaller floor space: 1.7 million square feet, or about 29 football fields. That's down three football fields from last year.

"We're still viewing CES as a

major event for the industry and a launch point," said Tim Alessi, the director of product development at the U.S. arm of South Korea's LG Electronics Inc.

Alessi doesn't expect the economic downturn to be reflected much in LG's product lineup. It won't suddenly be emphasizing smaller TVs, for instance.

Nor will the economy likely have a big effect on what other manufacturers are showing, in large part because consumer spending was relatively healthy until late in the year, and companies haven't had time to adjust.

It wasn't until the holiday shopping season, after the credit crunch had turned into a full-blown crisis, that consumers really pulled back. U.S. sales of electronics and appliances fell almost 27 percent from Nov. 1 to Dec. 24, according to SpendingPulse, a division of MasterCard Advisors, though appliances probably saw a greater decline than electronics.

Sales of TVs and laptop computers held up relatively well, according to NPD Group, but there was no new product category to energize the market like GPS units did the year before. PETER SVENSSON (AP)

DISCUSSIONS

FAST FORWARD

Do you have an opinion on the Flip camcorder? It's on my pre-teen's wish list, and I'm seeing prices that range from \$100 to \$170. Is it worth it? Why the price difference?

If one of your favorite pastimes is uploading clips to YouTube, it's hard to find a much easier way to do that than with the Flip. But its quality and recording times are pretty limited. There is an HD version of it now, but I haven't had a chance to try that out. For what it's worth, I'm also hearing some favorable things about Kodak's Zi6, a Flipstyle digital camcorder.

I read a lot of electronic papers, which are stored on my computer as PDFs, but I struggle to keep them organized. Do you know of any sort of database or organizer software that could help me? I'd love it if I could search for all the papers that deal with a certain topic, or that are authored by a certain person, etc.

Google Desktop indexes the content of PDFs and makes them searchable (as does Spotlight in Mac OS X and Windows Vista's built-in search).

Google Desktop indexes the content of PDFs and makes them searchable.

Is there available yet any machine for recording Blu-ray HD onto an HD disc — not drives for computers but a home recording playback machine?

No. Well, not in this country. But they've been on sale in Japan for a while. When I asked a couple manufacturers about this discrepancy at CES last January, they told me that they didn't want to make a Blu-ray recorder for the U.S. market because it couldn't inter-operate with all of the cable and satellite services.



washingtonpost.com

Rob Pegoraro takes a closer look at consumer electronics and personal tech monthly on washingtonnost com/tech



VALUE IN VIRGINIA: Travel + Leisure Magazine and Southern Living Magazine have listed nine Virginia locations as being among the best in the world, according to WTOP. Travel + Leisure lists the Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner as one of its 500 best hotels in the world.

Local

FAIRFAX, VA.

Alexandria Man Charged With DUI in Fatal Car Crash

Fairfax County police say they have charged an Alexandria man with driving while intoxicated after a crash that killed his best friend. Police say 21-year-old Joshua Buker was ejected Saturday from a car driven by 22-year-old Steven Kowalik after Kowalik lost control, ramming into a tree and utility pole. The pair were traveling eastbound on Fleet Drive in a Franconia neighborhood. Police say speed and alcohol contributed to the crash. (AP)

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Police Search for Suspect In Church-Related Burglaries

Montgomery County police are searching for a man they believe is responsible for a string of churchrelated burglaries in Silver Spring. Cash, checks and wrapped candies to be given as Christmas presents were robbed from Grace Episcopal Day School, Grace Episcopal Church, Calvary Lutheran Church and St. John the Evangelist Convent. The burglaries occurred between Dec. 19 and Dec. 28. (AP)

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Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Police: 'Pack Your Patience' Jan. 20

Officials warn of long transit lines, traffic jams for inauguration

WASHINGTON | On a typical weekday, hundreds of thousands of people commute to the nation's capital, snarling roads, and packing subway trains and buses during peak hours.

Imagine multiplying that several times for President-elect Barack Obama's inauguration Jan. 20.

"I don't want in any way to dis-

courage anyone," said the District of Columbia's city administrator, Dan Tangherlini. "I just don't want them to come and be completely shocked by what they find."

The Washington area's transit system is telling passengers to expect extraordinarily long lines for trains and buses. Airports will be bustling with extra flights. Traffic could be at a standstill as motorists cope with street and bridge closings. Those who do manage to arrive in Washington will find limited parking.

"Pack your patience" is the advice

from Corinne Geller, a Virginia State Police spokeswoman.

Amtrak is expanding service between Boston and Washington on Inauguration Day. Southwest Airlines is adding 26 flights to and from the region between Jan. 17 and Jan. 23.

Delta Air Lines and its subsidiary, Northwest Airlines, are adding more than 5,000 seats Jan. 16 and Jan. 21 by using larger aircraft on existing flights. Airport officials say they will add staff to help guide travelers.

Virginia State Police plan to bring troopers from across the state to monitor expected gridlock outside Washington, Geller said. Maryland transportation officials are urging truck drivers and other commercial drivers to avoid the area.

Major bridges into the city, such as the Roosevelt, Memorial and inbound Key bridges, will be open only to buses and official inaugural traffic, Tangherlini said. A complete list of road closures will be released early this week, according to the Secret Service. NAFEESA SYEED (AP)

WASHINGTON | ANNUAL THREE KINGS DAY CELEBRATION



HOLIDAY PARADE: The annual Three Kings Day celebration in Columbia Heights featured animals and a procession around the block at 14th Street and Park Road NW Sunday. Edgar Trujillo and Annette Miro played Joseph and Mary.

Students Given Chance to Write Ticket to Inauguration

WASHINGTON | Inauguration officials say some D.C. middle and high school students could literally write their own ticket to prime seating at President-elect Barack Obama's inaugural parade.

Officials are inviting D.C. public and private school students to write a 500-word essay that answers the

question: "How can I contribute to my neighborhood through community service?"

More than 100 students with the best essays will be chosen to sit in stands in front of the White House for the Jan. 20 parade. Officials say the essays must be submitted by a parent or legal guardian who lives

in D.C. The Presidential Inaugural Committee will select the winners. Winning students will receive three tickets for seating next to a viewing stand reserved for Obama and other dignitaries.

Essays should be submitted to Pic2009.org/dcstudentessay by 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 11. (AP)

McAuliffe Plans Va. Gov. Run

RICHMOND, VA. | Former Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe said on Saturday he intends to run for governor of Virginia.

After months of speculation over his plans, McAuliffe announced his intentions in a video posted on his



McAuliffe

Web site. In the video, McAuliffe said he will make his intention to run official on Wednesday as part of a weeklong campaign kickoff.

The stops include town hall meetings in Hampton Roads, Bristol, Richmond and others, where McAuliffe will unveil plans for job creation, education and renewable energy. "Over the coming months, we will travel to every corner of the commonwealth to ask all Virginians to join our campaign to get the economy moving again," McAuliffe said in the video.

In November, the 51-year-old established his campaign committee, Friends of Terry McAuliffe, with the State Board of Elections; secured the services of strategist Mike Henry; and began touring Virginia, but had not made his candidacy certain.

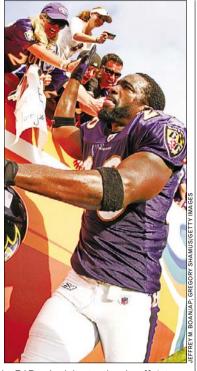
MICHAEL FELBERBAUM (AP)

Sports



NOT MOVING: Bill Cowher doesn't plan to coach in the NFL next year and will stay with CBS Sports as a studio analyst. Cowher was recently wooed by the New York Jets but said during "The NFL Today" on Sunday that he's taking it "year to year."





 $Ravens full back Le'Ron\,McClain, left, leaps past\,Dolphins\,safety\,Renaldo\,Hill\,before\,scoring\,a\,touchdown\,in\,the\,third\,quarter.\,Right, Ed\,Reed\,celebrates\,the\,playoff\,victory.$

Swarming Ravens End Dolphins' Run



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Dominating defense forces five turnovers to advance in playoffs

NFL | The Baltimore Ravens had Chad Pennington spinning, ducking, on his heels and on his back. When he did manage to get a pass away, they were often there to snatch it.

The Ravens came up with four interceptions, including one returned 64 yards for a touchdown

by Ed Reed, and won 27-9 Sunday to spoil the Miami Dolphins' first playoff game in seven seasons.

Baltimore stuffed Miami's ground attack and negated the Wildcat, but most of all the Ravens harried Pennington into uncharacteristic mistakes. After throwing only seven interceptions during the regular season, he had four during a 22-minute flurry midway through the game.

"We heard all week that they don't turn the ball over," linebacker Ray Lewis said. "But we force turnovers."

With a rookie coach in John Har-

baugh and a rookie quarterback in Joe Flacco, wild-card entrant Baltimore (12-5) won for the 10th time in 12 games and will play Saturday at AFC South champion Tennessee.

"We're going to Tennessee," Reed said. "Be there."

The playoff victory was the first for the Ravens since they beat Miami in a first-round game in January 2002. The result put the brakes on this season's remarkable resurgence by the Dolphins (11-6), who won the AFC East after going 1-15 in 2007.

"It has been a special year; that's why it hurts so much," Pennington said. "You want to keep it going and see how far you can take it."

A soft schedule contributed to Miami's turnaround, and there was nothing soft about the Ravens. They forced repeated mistakes by a team that tied an NFL record with only 13 turnovers during the regular season.

Reed had two interceptions, and Jim Leonhard and Fabian Washington made one apiece. Terrell Suggs recovered a fumble by Patrick Cobbs early in the second half at the Miami 19, and four plays later Le'Ron McClain scored on an 8-yard run for a 20-3 lead. STEVEN WINE (AP)

In Brief



Biko Paris, center, and the Boston College Eagles upset No. 1 North Carolina.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Boston College Hands No. 1 North Carolina Its First Loss

Tyrese Rice and Boston College put an end to all the talk of whether No. 1 North Carolina could go unbeaten. Rice scored 25 points in his second straight big game against the Tar Heels to help the Eagles stun North Carolina 85-78 on Sunday, likely ending its run atop the early season polls. Rakim Sanders added 22 points for the Eagles (13-2, 1-0), who led by six points at halftime and pushed the lead to as many as 14 before holding off a frantic rally from the Tar Heels (13-1, 0-1) in the ACC opener for both. (AP)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 18 Louisville Claws Past Kentucky With 74-71 Win

Edgar Sosa is finally out of Rick Pitino's doghouse. The much-maligned Louisville point guard hit a 30-footer with 2.8 seconds remaining to give the 18th-ranked Cardinals a 74-71 victory over archrival Kentucky on Sunday. Terrence Williams had 19 points and eight rebounds, and Jerry Smith scored 11 points for Louisville (9-3), which escaped a major melt-down in the final seconds to beat the Wildcats at Freedom Hall for the first time since 2002. (AP)

NFL

Browns to Interview Ravens Executive for GM Position

Browns owner Randy Lerner will interview Baltimore's director of pro personnel George Kokinis for the club's general manager position, a meeting that could clear the way for Cleveland to hire fired New York Jets coach Eric Mangini. The Browns received permission to speak with Kokinis after the Ravens advanced in the AFC playoffs. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

HOYAS HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) Georgetown tries to bounce back from its loss to Pittsburgh against Notre Dame.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (8:15 P.M. ON FOX)
Texas squares off with Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl.

NHL (7 P.M. ON VERSUS) Sidney Crosby leads the Pittsburgh Penguins against the New York Rangers.

LOCAL MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON CSN)
James Madison hosts Drexel.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Number 4 Texas visits Purdue.

Westbrook, Eagles Fly Past Vikings



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NFL | All but forgotten as a postseason contender just one month earlier, Andy Reid, Donovan McNabb and the Philadelphia Eagles have a playoff win.

Next up: the Super Bowl champions.

Brian Westbrook caught a short pass out of the backfield and zig-



Eagles cornerback Asante Samuel, left, returns an interception for a TD.

zagged through the Minnesota defense for a devastating 71-yard touchdown midway through the fourth quarter, and the Eagles spoiled the Vikings' first home playoff game in eight years with a 26-14 victory Sunday.

Asante Samuel's 44-yard interception return of Tarvaris Jackson's errant pass in the second quarter set a tone for the kind of game most Vikings fans feared from the unpolished quarterback. (AP)

The number of free throws Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard missed in his team's 108-102 loss to the Toronto Raptors Sunday. Howard scored 39 points in the game.

Sports

Wizards Find Redemption

Traveling call clinches Washington's 80-77 victory over Cleveland

WIZARDS | Was it a walk?

LeBron James wants the NBA to take a closer look at what he calls his "crab dribble." The move, James insists, does not constitute traveling. A referee disagreed Sunday.

James was whistled for taking an extra step while driving for a potential tying layup with 2.3 seconds left, and his Cleveland Cavaliers lost 80-77 to the Eastern Conference-worst Washington Wizards despite wiping out a 16-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

"Bad call," said James, who compiled 30 points, 10 assists and six rebounds. "We all make mistakes, and I think I got the wrong end of the bargain"

That was hardly the only contentious moment in a game between teams that faced each other the past three postseasons, with Cleveland winning every series.

There was some trash talk between James and injured Wizards guard DeShawn Stevenson, who was out with a bad back and sat on the sideline in a burgundy velvet jacket and bow tie. There was the homemade sign held by a Wizards fan that showed James with a blue tear on his cheek and "Crybaby" written in place of "Cavaliers" on his white headband and



Wizards forward Antwan Jamison scores two of his 26 points Sunday in Wash $ington's\,80\text{--}77\,upset\,of\,the\,Cleveland\,Cavaliers.\,The\,Wizards\,are\,now\,7\text{--}25\,this\,year.$

blue shirt. Oh, and there was the ejection of Cavaliers coach Mike Brown, who ran nearly the length of the court to protest an offensive foul call against James with about 6½ minutes left.

How surprising is this result? The Central Division-leading Cavaliers (27-6) are neck-and-neck with the reigning NBA champion Boston Celtics for the best record in the East, while the Wizards (7-25) aren't even close to climbing out of last place.

And yet when these teams last played, on national TV on Dec. 25, Washington led by seven with a little more than 1½ minutes left before Cleveland closed with an 11-0 run to win.

But not this time, as Wizards noted what interim coach Ed Tapscott had written in red on the grease board in their locker room: "REDEMPTION." HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

Georgetown Eyes a Quick Rebound

Hoyas seek balance after extreme-filled first week in Big East

HOYAS HOOPS | The Big East season isn't yet one week old, but Georgetown already has experienced both extremes of competition — the euphoria of toppling No. 2 Connecticut and the anguish, just five days later, of suffering its worst home loss in four seasons.

In the wake of Saturday's 70-54 drubbing at the hands of thirdranked Pittsburgh, the challenge facing the young Hoyas is regaining their equilibrium. Quickly.

That means, for their emotional

well-being, figuring out which part of Saturday's defeat to forget. But it also means figuring out which lessons to take from the loss if they're to



Thompson

continue developing before Monday's game against No. 7 Notre Dame.

"The nature of this league is that win or lose, you have to bounce back," coach John Thompson III said.

Such quick turnarounds aren't easy in a conference as physical and deep as the Big East. But Georgetown (10-2, 1-1) can take solace in the fact that Notre Dame (10-3, 1-1). is facing the same predicament, having suffered a tough loss Saturday to St. John's, 71-65.

And the Irish are doing similar soul-searching, with coach Mike Brey pointing to rebounding as the weak link. Notre Dame surrendered 15 offensive rebounds to St. John's and was hammered on the boards, 41-30. LIZ CLARKE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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"I think our quarterbacks are better; I just think playing against those guys, it's a lot harder to prepare for those guys than it is for Tebow."

-Dominique Franks, Oklahoma cornerback, speaking about Florida QB Tim Tebow versus Big 12 QBs.

Texas Stays Hungry for Fiesta Bowl

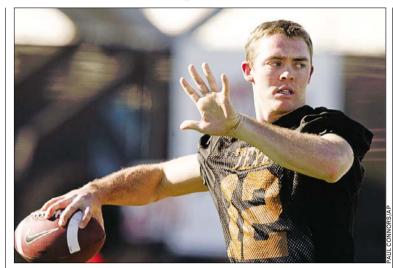
3rd-ranked Longhorns turn focus to Buckeyes, still have shot at title

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Texas coach Mack Brown has a theory about bowl games.

"If the teams are fairly even, the team that wants to be there the most and has the edge and is more motivated usually wins," Brown said.

If third-ranked Texas had a choice, it would be in Miami preparing to face Florida for the BCS title. But the Longhorns still have plenty of motivation against No. 10 Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl on Monday night.

Snubbed in their bid for a slot in the Bowl Championship Series title game, the Longhorns (11-1) will try to take their frustrations out on



Texas quarterback Colt McCoy winds up to throw a pass during football practice Dec. 30 in Scottsdale, Ariz. Texas will play Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl Monday.

the Buckeyes (10-2), who are making their fifth bowl trip to Arizona since 2002.

"Really, what's going through our minds is, 'Let's just put on a show, basically," Texas defensive end Brian Orakpo said.

The Longhorns still have a shot at a national title, but it's slender. Either Oklahoma or Florida will claim the BCS national title. But the 65 pollsters who vote in The Associated Press Top 25 are free to select the Longhorns No. 1. Six AP voters have the Longhorns atop their ballots, and that number could swell if the top-ranked Gators lose and their 50 first-place votes go up for grabs. Some voters might choose Texas because it beat Oklahoma.

It's a long shot, but it's the only shot Texas has. The Longhorns will have no shot if they don't take care of the Buckeyes. "I don't know what needs to happen," Texas tailback Chris Ogbonnaya said. "Right now, our focus is Ohio State and, really, that is all that matters."

ANDREW BAGNATO (AP)

Falcons' Smith Tops NFL Coach Of the Year Vote

NFL | Mike Smith and Tony Sparano performed so brilliantly as rookie head coaches it was almost impossible to separate them.

Atlanta's Smith edged Miami's Sparano by one vote Sunday for The Associated Press 2008 NFL Coach of the Year award.

Both coaches oversaw sensational turnarounds, leading their teams from last-place finishes in 2007 to playoff berths this year. Their achievements were reflected by the closeness of the balloting, with Smith getting 23½ votes and Sparano 22½ from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters.

After improving from 4-12 to 11-5 and making the NFC playoffs as a wild card, the Falcons fell 30-24 at Arizona on Saturday night. (AP)





AMERICA'S FAVORITE PET: "Marley & Me," a canine comedy starring Jennifer Aniston and Owen Wilson, led the North American box office for a second weekend on Sunday, becoming the first Christmas holiday picture to hit \$100 million.

Entertainment

Uncommon Ground

Anne Hathaway can't relate to the bridezilla she plays in 'Wars'

FEMINIST | Anne Hathaway is getting showered with kudos for her heartbreaking performance as an emotionally unstable woman who disrupts her sister's wedding in "Rachel Getting Married." In "Bride Wars," the actress plays another character bent on sabotaging another's wedding — her best friend's. But this time the role is played for laughs.

Hathaway, 26, co-stars with comedy veteran Kate Hudson as best friends who turn into mortal enemies when their weddings are inadvertently scheduled for the same day. Neither is willing to budge, so their inner bridezillas emerge.

An avowed feminist, Hathaway says there was little she could relate to in her wedding-obsessed character.

"I've never really thought about my wedding," the Brooklyn-born actress insists. "Here was a girl I had no relationship to. I didn't understand the concept of identifying yourself as a bride before identifying yourself as a woman."

If "Bride Wars" was simply about women being catty to each other and reinforcing a negative stereo-



DO WE HEAR WEDDING BELLS?: Although Hathaway has starred in two wedding-themed movies recently, she says she feels no pressure to get hitched in real life.

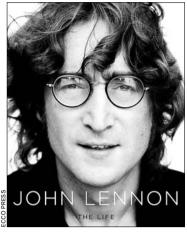
type, Hathaway insists she would have passed on the project. Instead, she was drawn to the script's exploration of female friendship.

As Emma, Hathaway is always willing to relinquish the spotlight to her lifelong extroverted pal, Liv (Hudson), a classic Type-A personality. Though different in temperament, Emma and Liv's friendship has endured over the years because of their symbiotic relationship. They also carry the same dream of getting married at one of New York's toniest landmarks, the Plaza Hotel, with each assured maid-of-honor status at the other's wedding.

But when a booking oversight puts their ceremonies on the same day at the same time, the friends fight it out — at first subtly and then more aggressively as their feud grows. Emma resolves that there are some things worth fighting for.

Having appeared in two movies about weddings in 2008, Hathaway insists she's in no hurry to march down the aisle anytime soon. She recently went through an embarrassing public breakup with longtime boyfriend Raffaelo Follieri, who was arrested last spring.

"I don't feel any pressure to get married," she says. "I don't feel it from my family or my friends, and I don't feel it from within." ANGELA DAW-SON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)



Every moment of John Lennon's life is accounted for in this tedious tome.

'The Life,' In Great Detail

A John Lennon bio has all the facts but none of the heart

BOOK | When is enough too much? That's the question raised by Philip Norman's "John Lennon: The

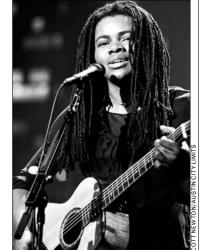
Beginning well before his birth — the opening sequence describes another John Lennon, the singer's paternal grandfather — and ending with the gunshots that killed him, on Dec. 8, 1980, this is a panoramic effort, exhaustively detailed and researched.

If biography were an art of collection, Norman's book would be a stately portrait. But biography is an art of interpretation, and too often this book lacks a sense of context.

Who was Lennon really, after all? Yes, he was a rock star, but that's too simple, for rock stars as we currently conceive of them didn't exist when he came along.

"We were just a band that made it very, very big — that's all," Lennon told Rolling Stone in 1970. That line is classic Lennon: ironic and truthful all at once.

Yet if this is the Lennon that Norman means to show us — cheeky, opinionated, cutting — he never quite succeeds in bringing him to life. DAVID L. ULIN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



On "Our Bright Future," Chapman sticks with her timeless, hypnotic style.

The Present Is Bright

Singer Tracy Chapman is as brilliant now as she always has been

MUSIC | Tracy Chapman fits the mainstream without belonging to it, her music always plush and accessible even as it stands apart in its own small folk-pop niche. Gently crafted tunes that are equal parts willowy contour and carefully thoughtful remain a signature for the 44-year-old on her eighth

album, "Our Bright Future," a gathering of supple reveries that never lose their cool.

Her placid voice is both a tool and an impediment, its mild quiver building comforting character alongside the light piano flow of "Sing for You," while its gentleness keeps her from digging too deep into the troubled undercurrents of obsession within "Thinking of You." Her songs are lush and pretty, nearly hypnotic as the sweetness of her singing trick-

les across the organ-laced shimmer of "Something To See." Her sound is much the same whether the theme is hopeful or despondent, and she's even-keeled to the point of making a clinical case for love and togetherness on "A Theory." Despite that narrow sonic palette, her ideals inhabit them with a dreamer's breadth, a broad spectrum where faith and apprehension blossom together in delicate fashion. THOMAS KINTER (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

Entertainment



DARK MOVIE NIGHT: Warner Home Video regained the top of the national home movie sales charts during the holidays with "The Dark Knight," in its third week of release. "Death Race" and "Burn After Reading" were also in high demand.

Bluegrass-Blooded Comedian

Country music makes Jack Black feel he's part of his wife's family

MUSIC | Jack Black may have been schooled in rock, but now he'd like to sing at the Grand Ole Opry with wife Tanya Haden's family, who recently turned him on to bluegrass music.

The 39-year-old actor-musician energetically sings the traditional tune "Old Joe Clark" on father-in-law Charlie Haden's Grammy-nominated CD "Rambling Boy."

"I wasn't sure what to expect, because I haven't recorded or really sung any old songs like that before, bluegrass style, but it came very naturally, and I cranked it out in two takes," said Black, who grew up in the Los Angeles area. "There was something in the music that I think struck a chord in my DNA. I think I've got some hillbilly in my roots."

Black, who recently starred in "Tropic Thunder" and the animated film "Kung Fu Panda," had to be a bit tenacious to land a last-minute supporting role when his father-in-law brought the nearly finished mix to Black's home so he could hear his wife sing.

"Tanya's very shy and doesn't think she can sing, so I wanted Jack to hear especially how beau-

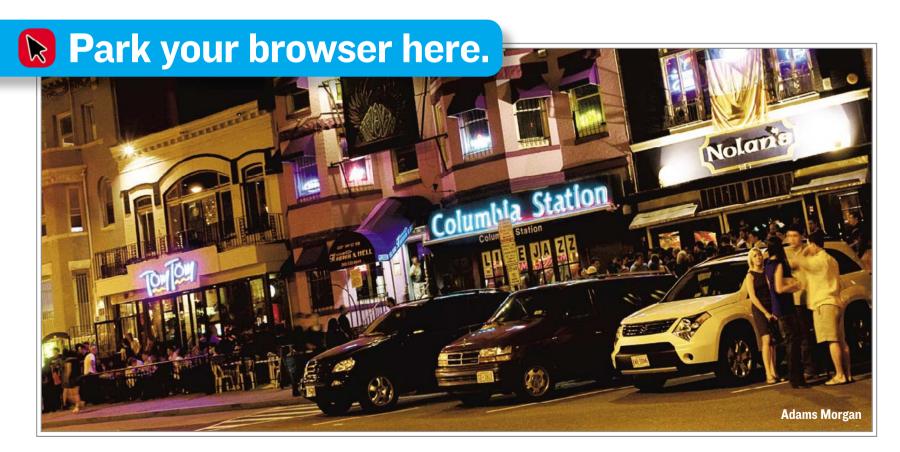


BEVERLY HILLBILLY: Although Black is from L.A., he has a knack for country.

tifully she sings 'He's Gone Away,' which I really had to do some talking to get her to sing," said Charlie Haden, the eminent modern jazz bassist who brought his current family together to perform some of the old-style country songs he once sang with his parents and siblings in the popular Haden Family band in the 1930s and '40s.

"Old Joe Clark" was originally intended to be an instrumental, but Black asked his father-in-law whether there were any lyrics. Haden hastily arranged a studio session so Black could add a vocal track.

"Even though I was already married to Tanya and we had kids, when I was invited to be on the Haden family album, I finally felt like I was truly part of the family," said Black. "The whole family has always been kind of a magical source of mystery." CHARLES J. GANS (AP)



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The weekly bus pass may still make more sense for some people, and you can still buy them. You can also still buy bus tokens, which, if loaded onto a SmarTrip card, gives you a 10-cent discount on bus fares and access to the 3-hour transfer period.

These changes will save riders money and should bring an extra \$5 million annually to Metro. That's good for taxpayers, whether they use Metro or not. There are no two ways about it. Eliminating paper transfers makes sense for Metro, and using a SmarTrip card makes sense for customers.

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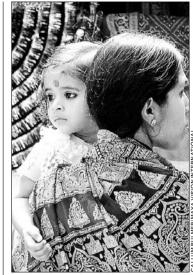
HOW DO YOU LIKE THEM APPLES, CARSON? "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest" on ABC continued to rule as the most-watched New Year's Eve countdown special last week. "New Year's Eve With Carson Daly" came in second.

India, Captured on Camera

A nation's history is reduced to 6 hours of dazzling video footage

DOCUMENTARY | Memorable documentary series require at least three elements: a great story, big ideas and dazzling photography. The six-part history "The Story of India" (9 p.m. and 10 p.m., PBS, on Mondays through Jan. 19) has all three and much more.

In fact, there is simply too much story and too many ideas from India's more than 10,000 years of history to cram into six hours. But give writer, producer and host Michael Wood credit for trying. The first hour does a good



A mother and child walk through the town of Patna on "The Story of India."

job of helping viewers understand the extremely ancient origins of Indian culture by tracing elements of language and faith back nearly 10,000 years to the very dawn of civilization.

Subsequent installments cover India's religious traditions, its embrace of Hinduism and the birth of Buddhism, and the many foreign empires that conquered and occupied the subcontinent only to depart. The armies and kingdoms of Alexander, Genghis Khan, Tamburlaine and even the British Empire have all moved into the past tense, while India endures and is poised to become a dominant economic superpower in the 21st century. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

MUST LOVE KIDS

Jason Mesnick, whose proposal of marriage was rejected on "The Bachelorette," is now THE BACHELOR (8 p.m., ABC), returning for a 13th season. Mesnick is also a single dad, the first in the show's history.

WHICH SHOES SHOULD I WEAR? Amy has decisions galore on THE SECRET LIFE OF THE AMERICAN TEENAGER (8 p.m., Family)

DISAPPEARING ACTS

Over the course of a season, the new series MASTERS OF ILLUSION (9 p.m., MvNetwork) showcases the work of 70 magicians in front of live audiences.

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Jason Mesnick and his son are looking for lasting love on "The Bachelor."

(10 p.m., Travel).

SERIOUSLY, I AM SO SMRT

Eight attractive contestants try to prove that they possess inner beauty in the new elimination series TRUE BEAUTY (10 p.m., ABC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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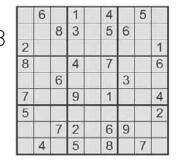
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BOOK | An English minister begins to dabble in science, making important discoveries in electricity and chemistry. He makes the acquaintance of Enlightenment luminaries such as Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson and eventually becomes close friends with a number of America's Founding Fathers. But when an angry mob burns down his house, he is forced to flee his country, so he settles in exile in America, where he dies.

Such is the story of the influential but little-known Joseph Priestley, the focus of author Steven Johnson's "The Invention of Air." The book chronicles Priest-



Joseph Priestley's life story captivated author Steven Johnson, pictured.

ley's life and the effects of his work, but Johnson admits he never intended to write an entire book on the man. "I was planning on writing a book about innovation and how great ideas happen and how they spread," he said. "I stumbled across this story about Priestley having been the first to realize that plants are creating oxygen. I started to do a little bit more research and then found out how completely connected he was with the American Founding Fathers, and I thought, 'This should be the book.'"

It's also drastically different from a typical biography. Johnson doesn't just tell what happens; he analyzes it and explains how Priestley's ideas are tied to one another and to other people, places and eras.

"I was interested in this 'ecosystem' idea, and it's interesting to talk about culture as an ecosystem," he explained. "I tried to strike a note throughout where the contemporary reader will see those connections. ... This guy should be betterknown." KATHERINE SILKAITIS

→ Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness)

thescene



"I'll Be" singer Edwin McCain will croon at Wolf Trap on Wednesday night.

TUESDAY

David and Tom Gardner: Financial advisers discuss their new book and give tips on investing. Borders, 1801 K St. NW; 6:30 p.m., free; 202-466-4999. (Farragut West)

"Caroline, or Change": A musical set in the turbulent Deep South at the dawn of the civil rights movement. Centerstage, 700 North Calvert St., Baltimore; through Jan. 18, \$15-\$50; 410-

"The Eight": The Phillips Collection celebrates eight painters who defied the art world 100 years ago. Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW; through Feb. I, free-\$12; 202-387-2151. (Dupont Circle)

WEDNESDAY

Jon Meacham: A new book about
Andrew Jackson will have history nerds
slavering. The author speaks. Politics &
Prose, 50I5 Connecticut Ave. NW;
7 p.m., free; 202-364-I9I9. (Van Ness)

Edwin McCain: The sappy folk singer will get you all melty inside. Wolf Trap, I635 Trap Road, Vienna, Va.; 8 p.m., \$25; 703-255-I900.

Matabb: Palestine's most popular soap opera comes to the U.S. Goethe-Institut, 8I2 Seventh St. NW; Jan. 7-I6, 6:30 p.m., \$6; 202-289-I200. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

THURSDAY

Chris Botti: A jazz balladeer wears his heart on his sleeve. Birchmere, 370I Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$49.50; 703-549-7500.

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Bird Is The Word

Fess up. The last time you paid a lot of attention to a bird was when you stuffed

yourself silly with turkey over the holidays. (Groan.) Is that stomach still stretched out? Give yourself a break and pay homage to our feathered

friends today, which is
National Bird Day. Check
out the D.C. Audubon
Society's Web site for
a rundown of beak bud-

dies to keep an eye out for (there's even a guide to bird watching via Metro stops). Once you're pooped from peeping, reward yourself by dining at Soul Vegetarian or Nirvana—two vegetarian restaurants that don't serve birds, of course. K.C.

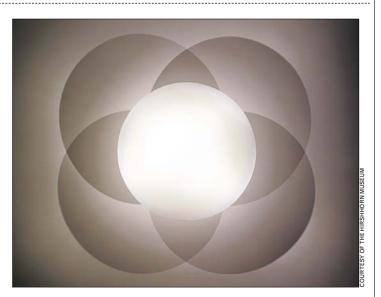
- → Soul Vegetarian Cafe, 606 Georgia Ave. NW, 202-328-7685.
- → Nirvana, 1810 K St. NW, 202-223-5043. (Farragut North|Farragut West)

Let There Be Light

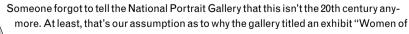
In the 1960s, people were questioning the foundations of culture and testing the limits of art. Also, they were doing a lot of drugs, which may account for the strange, intensely conceptual art on display at the Hirshhorn. The Panza collection (so

called because it's all from the collection of a famous art-amasser named Panza) is only here through this week, and its pieces play with light, form and your mind in ways you won't expect. F.Z.

→ Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Seventh Street & Independence Avenue SW; through Jan. 11, free; 202-633-1000. (L'Enfant Plaza)



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→ McEvoy Auditorium, National Portrait Gallery, Eighth and F streets NW; through Feb. 1, free; 202-633-8520. (Gallery Place)

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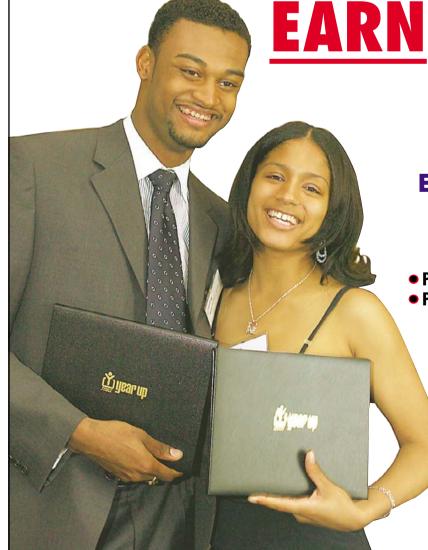
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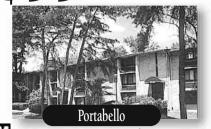
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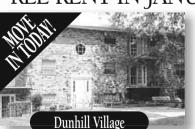
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Athletics

Japan's yabusame archery is a rigorous sport unlike any other

It is about as far from the Olympic sport of archery as it can get. The bow is taller than the person shooting it, and, to the uninitiated, it appears lopsided and unbalanced. There are no sights, no high-tech stabilizers

And, of course, it is done on horseback, at upward of 40 mph.

It's called vabusame, and it is the sport of the samurai.

Each year, archers in feudal shooting gear climb atop their decorated mounts for a lively competition on the beach of Zushi, a town just south of Tokyo, galloping in the sand as thousands of onlookers cheer and shout. The first competition was held here in 1199.

The scene is like something out of a movie by the great Akira Kurosawa. Banners flap in the ocean wind marking the beginning and end of the shooting runway. Lit-

There is a big part of the sport that is spiritual, rather than practical."

HISASHI YOSHIMI

tle boys in bright robes and black hats scamper about collecting the arrows and the debris from the wooden or clay targets destroyed by each hit.

"There is nothing like this outside of Japan," said Ietaka Kaneko, who heads the Japan Equestrian Archery Association and the Takeda School of Horseback Archery, which traces its origins back more than 800 years.

The targets, held about seven feet aloft on small poles or scaffoldings, are roughly the size of a mounted opponent's chest. There are three along the runway, which is only 165 yards long, giving the archer just enough time to raise his bow, load and shoot — three times — all the while spurring on his horse.

When the dull, turnip-shaped tip of an arrow strikes just right, the board explodes in a blur of splinters. But as often as not, the arrows miss, sailing past the targets and thudding into the canvas behind them.

In battle, hitting the target was the whole idea. But vabusame has from its origins been almost as much an art as a sport. In many competitions, hitting the target is



almost an afterthought — archers BOW MOTION: An archer shoots at a target on a galloping horse during an annual yabusame competition in Zushi, Japan.

are judged, if they are judged at all, on the beauty of their run and the form they display as they release each arrow.

Here, hitting counts.

"Many schools today see yabusame as more of a ceremonial thing," said Kaneko. "In our school, it is our earnest desire to connect."

Each score brings a loud round of awed cheers and raucous applause,

and each splintered target is branded with a hot iron commemorating the day and recycled as a good luck charm. A long line stretches along the beach well before the competition is over as spectators make sure they go home with a piece for their collection.

Very few people actually participate in yabusame, because few have access to horses or the time to learn

all the technique involved in riding them for sport. But Kaneko, whose family roots are in the now-defunct samurai class, grew up around them, and his steeds were trained specifically for archery competitions.

'I have been shooting since I was 17," he said. He's 87 now and was on hand to officiate at this year's beach competition, though he did not shoot at any targets. Instead,

he started it all off with a symbolic draw at the cloud-filled sky.

"The most difficult part is staying absolutely stable no matter how fast the horse is galloping," he said. "The style is not like Western or European equestrian riding.

Archers don't actually sit. They squat, using special stirrups and very light saddles.

"When people think of the samurai, they don't realize that in the old days, archery was more important in battle than swords," said Hisashi Yoshimi, one of the featured shooters at the beach competition. "Archers didn't shoot at targets close up. They kept a distance and fired upward so that the arrows would rain down on advancing troops."

"The bows haven't really been adapted for this kind of shooting, because there is a big part of the sport that is spiritual, rather than practical," Yoshimi said. "That's a lot of its appeal." ERIC TALMADGE (AP)



Few people in Japan actually practice yabusame because of the need for access to horses and the sheer difficulty of the sport.

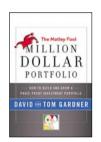
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The Kiss Cam

"The Wackness" starred Ben Kingsley as a pot-loving therapist and Mary-Kate Olsen as one of his hook-up buddies. Their improbable make-out session generated more talk than the film itself, which is out now on DVD, so Roxana Hadadi compiled a list of the five most talked-about kisses in film. | COMING UP





Economic Fools?

David Gardner, one of the two brothers who founded financial advice company the Motley Fool, told Katherine Silkaitis this is the perfect time to invest in the stock market and take advantage of the low prices of many stocks. They also talked about "The Motley Fool Million Dollar Portfolio." | COMING UP

TELEVISION

Frackin' Cool

Most geeks agree: "Battlestar Galactica" is awesome. The first part of the show's fourth season comes out on DVD on Wednesday, and the second half premieres on Sci-Fi on Jan. 29. Roxana Hadadi gets you up to speed and highlights what makes "BG" so frackin' great. | соміна ир



policenter RESULTS FROM DEC.31'S QUESTION

GIVEN RETAILERS' GRIM SALES REPORTS, ARE YOU RUSHING TO USE HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS?

NO 78%

YES 22%



No ... I'm using the gift cards now because I've had to scrimp the past six months. Spending gift cards [is] the most [spending I've done] in a long time! (Not to mention those sales.)"

COMMENTER JENN, RESPONDING TO THE DEC. 31 POLL CENTER QUESTION. "GIVEN RETAILERS' GRIM SALES REPORTS. ARE YOU RUSHING TO USE HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS?"

Sadly, many of the gift cards I got are for places that are

going out of business or have already closed for good."

COMMENTER DEMONFAFA, WHO ADDED, "THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU REGIFT SOMETHING AND DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THE BUSINESS NEWS.



No, because:

didn't get any! That makes it kind of hard. ... We didn't [even] exchange gifts this year.'

COMMENTER LIBERAL BANANA, WHO ADDED. "INSTEAD. WE DONATED MONEY TO CHARITIES!

"It occurred to me that if my friendly neighborhood drug dealers are gone from my sight, why bother blogging? What will be my inspiration?"

INSHAW.COM/BLOG IS HAPPY TO SEE THINGS IMPROVING AROUND HER BUT ADDS, "COMPLAINING ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS THE GREATEST INSPIRATION FOR MY WRITING.



"Admitting he was 'not a role model' for Nike has ultimately given him a lifetime pass to [screw] up without consequence."

DEADSPIN.COM DOESN'T THINK NRA COMMENTATOR CHARLES BAR-KLEY WILL LOSE HIS JOB AFTER A RECENT ARREST ON SUSPICION OF DUI. ADDING. "IS CHARLES BARKLEY JUST AN AWFUL HUMAN?



"Everyone was appalled. Stunned.

Prayers for my saving were mumbled. It's not that I think marriage is wrong or that having children is wrong — it's that it's wrong for me."

IVORYTOWERZ.COM ADMITTED TO BEING UNINTERESTED IN MARRYING AND HAVING CHILDREN AT A FRIEND'S RECEPTION ADD-ING "THE NON-MARRIAGE CONVERSATION ENDED WITH 'DO YOU EVEN BELIEVE IN GOD?!' AND ME REELINING IT TO THE BAR

"DON'T GET ME WRONG: I'm as excited about this as can be. But as a citizen of Washington, D.C., particularly as a citizen of Capitol Hill, as well as excitement, I'm bracing myself for what will no doubt be a hellish onslaught that weekend."

THEGOLDPUPPY.BLOGSPOT.COM IMAGINES THAT INAUGURATION WEEK IS GOING TO BE A LOGISTICAL NIGHTMARE IN THE DISTRICT.

Discussions

Blagojevich-Gate

Slate contributor and Chicagoan **EDWARD MCCLELLAND** was online Dec. 31 to discuss his take on embattled Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich's decision to name former Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris to replace President-elect Barack Obama in the U.S. Senate, despite federal charges. stating Blagoievich tried to auction off

the seat to the highest bidder.

Did Blagojevich have to act before Jan. I for any particular reason? Or was he just looking to make this boring holiday week a little more interesting?

Blagojevich had to act before Jan. 6. Otherwise, Illinois would begin the 111th Congress short a senator. I think he wanted to do this before the holiday because Burris needed a week to prepare.

How will the fact that Burris has accepted Blagojevich's appointment, and thus gotten himself involved in this affair, affect Burris' reputation and political career?

Burris no longer had a political career in Illinois. He was an uninspiring but honest state office holder in the '80s and '90s, but since then, he had lost three races for governor and a race for mayor. Burris has long been looking for that last big office. He already has a tombstone that lists all of his accomplishments. He left a blank spot in the lower righthand corner, hoping to fill it with "governor." I think he'll be just as happy to put "senator" there.

What's the mood like in Chicago regarding this mess? It must be troubling to be buoyed by Obama and then deflated by Blagojevich all at once.

For five weeks, Chicago was the beacon of the world, the city that gave America Barack Obama. Now we're back to our reputation for political sleaze.

What is Blagojevich thinking? Really, it seems like maybe the guy is delusional. Why hasn't he stepped down? Blagojevich has a very expensive defense attorney who no doubt advised him that stepping down will look like an admission of guilt. Also, he can't afford to step. Unlike Eliot Spitzer, Blagojevich is not independently wealthy. He has to pay his mortgage. And, yes, he is delusional. Even before this scandal, he had a

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: At noon, Vincent C. Grav. chairman of the D.C. Council, discuss the issues facing the council when it begins a new session Jan. 6. washingtonpost.com/

13 percent approval rating.

discussions.

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Bizarro | Dan Piraro

We think we may have left a piece of surgical equipment in you. TEARO 1 1-5-09 Dist. 10 King

Cornered | Mike Baldwin



"Nice work, kid. Looks like you might be ready to sit up at the big boys' table.

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



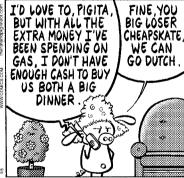


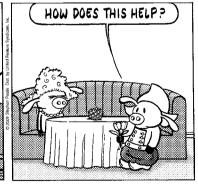




Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis







The Duplex | Glenn McCoy







Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be required to make a change of plans to accommodate the wishes of someone in need of some immediate assis-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Once you've done all you can do, you must simply wait to see what the outcome will be for it depends on the actions of many others too

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Rarely have you ever felt so enthusiastic and energized about a coming project. You can't wait to get started, but don't jump the gun.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even a minor accomplishment early in the day can turn things around for you and set you down the path toward greater reward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The time has come to tell someone an important and as vet unknown fact about yourself. This can lead to even more revelations

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even as you strive to put the finishing touches on a project, something else is likely to get started that may prove more important

CANCER (June 21-July 22) As you know, practice makes perfect — but you mustn't make the mistake of thinking that you don't have the time. If necessarv, make the time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to receive news that has you rethinking the plans you are currently making. As plans change, goals change, too, certainly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're going to want to give those in your charge a friendly little shove in order to get them to proceed at a quicker pace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're getting confused between what you think and what you know. A fantasy is important to you, but the truth makes all the difference

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A chance encounter has you questioning your methods. Ultimately, you'll realize you must make room in your plans for the unexpected.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can get the kind of start that will soon allow you to do things in your own way. Soon, you can set the rule book aside.

Letters

Hamas' Rockets Harmful

EDWARD ABRAMIC says in his Dec. 31 letter ("Occupation Should End") that Hamas' rockets "are largely harmless but meant to be insulting." MTV's "The Hills" is largely harmless but meant to be insulting — deadly rockets aimed at civilians are not. I would ask that Abramic consider the Israeli families victimized by Hamas rockets. Also, note that on July 4 we not only celebrate our nation's liberation — we also celebrate the creation of a democratic republic. Gazans had this opportunity but wasted it on the hatred of Hamas.

> -DANNY VETTER Arlington, Va.

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Today in History

A British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burns Richmond, Va.

1896 An Austrian newspaper, Wiener Presse, reports An Austrian newspaper, the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as X-rays.

1998 Sonny Bono, a pop starturned-politician, is killed at 62 in a skiing accident in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

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Sonny Bono died on this day in 1998.

scanned in the start of an effort to keep terrorists out of the country.

2008 New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady wins The Associated Press 2007 NFL MVP award.





People



It's so hard to be with a woman who kissed a girl and liked it, isn't it Travis?

ENDINGS

Another Girl Gets Famous, Another Guy Gets Insecure

KATY PERRY and her Gym Class Heroes beau **TRAVIS MCCOY** have split after a year of dating, a source close to Perry confirmed to Usmagazine. com Friday. The same source said the pair had been fighting excessively in recent weeks. (EXPRESS)

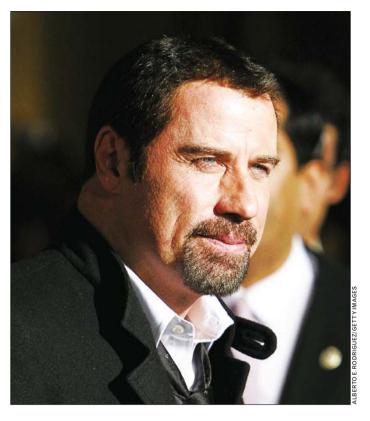
NO WAY!

Former 'Melrose Place' **Actress Evades DUI Charges**



HEATHER LOCKLEAR has evaded DUI charges by pleading to a lesser offense. In court Friday, the actress was given three

years of probation. Locklear was charged with driving under the influence of prescription drugs. (AP)



Travolta Mourns

JOHN TRAVOLTA's 16-year-old son was "spectacularly supervised" before he was found collapsed at the family's vacation home on Grand Bahama Friday, an attorney for the actor said Sunday. Travolta himself, in his first public statement since Jett's death, thanked people for their support and said he and his wife were "heartbroken that our time with him was so brief." (AP)

SPEED

'I Get Faster, **Drunker And More Furious** With Age'

Police in Illinois say actor and playwright SAM SHEPARD

has been arrested on preliminary charges of speeding and drunken driving. Officers stopped Shepard early Saturday in central Illinois. Kotte says the 65-year"That's right: I did 46 in a 30. I am a big-time rebel."

old Shepard was driving 16 mph over the 30 mph speed limit. A breath test indicat-

ed Shepard's blood-alcohol level was double the legal limit. Shepard told police he had been at a tavern in nearby Bloomington and was heading to a hotel. (AP)

HFI P

A Rock 'n' Roll Swan Song

The final note of **HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON**'s presidential campaign may very well be sung by JON BON JOVI. The musician is performing at a fundraiser for the former presidential candidate as she tries to close out her campaign debt, which stood



at \$6.3 million as of last month. The Jan. 15 performance at Manhattan's Town Hall is being billed as "a final

evening in support of Hillary Clinton for President Debt Relief." (AP)

BLOOPER

Premature Obit Makes Man Pose Like He's Really Alive

Filmmaker **GEORGE BUTLER** wants his friends to know he's very much alive, despite a premature obituary on "The Charlie Rose Show" this week. Rose confused Butler the director, who made the 1977 film "Pumping Iron," with Butler the jazz record executive. (EXPRESS)



"Do I look dead to you? Hear me roar!"

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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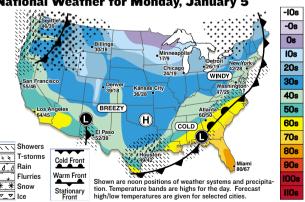


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National Weather for Monday, January 5



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Showers		El Paso 52/39

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun. Temperature

High	45°
Low	27°
Normal high	43°
Normal low	28°
Average humidity	55%
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Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m	0.00
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.40"
Year to date	0.00"
Last year to date	0.02"
Normal year to date	0.40"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, breezy, a shower. High 47. Wind north-northwest IO-20 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 29. Winds north 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:27 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:00 p.m.
Moonrise today	II:58 a.m.
Moonset today	1:18 a.m.

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Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Wednesday's Solution

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